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PRESS RELEASE

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Location of Event: Sheriff's Main Office, Auburn

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SHERIFF EDWARD N. BONNER RELEASES THE FOLLOWING:

The Placer County Sheriff's Department is gearing up for its fall Community Awareness Academy.

Citizens are invited to get an inside look at the agency by attending the seven-week academy, which is held at the sheriff's main office in Auburn on Tuesday evenings from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. The series begins Tuesday, October 2 and graduation will be held Tuesday, November 13.

The academy will kick off with a welcome by top sheriff's administrators, an overview of how the department works and a tour of the 911 dispatch center.

On subsequent nights, presentations will be made by Search and Rescue, boat patrol, the Explosives Ordnance Detail, the Special Enforcement Team, hostage negotiators, the missing persons bureau, investigations and the Special Investigations Unit. There will also be a K-9 demonstration and tours of the Placer County Jail, the morgue and the vehicle and boat yard. Additionally, participants will have the opportunity to join in patrol scenarios.

The academy is intended to provide the citizens of Placer County with an overview of the Sheriff Department's functions, policies and procedures, as well as getting them involved in the community. The goal of the academy is to provide a greater awareness and understanding of law enforcement's role in the community. Attendees must be at least 18 years of age.

Sheriff Edward Bonner is scheduled to speak at the graduation.

Following the academy, attendees interested in becoming a sheriff's volunteer must attend a four-night training academy and must submit to a fingerprint and background check.

The Placer County Sheriff's Department is located at 11500 A Avenue in Auburn. For more information or to reserve a spot, contact Community Services Officer Amanda Flaherty at (916) 652-2415.

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